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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS CAB FOR CHAIRMAN ROBSON

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - JAT SCHEDULED SERVICES TO US

REF : STATE 963

1. IN JANUARY 6 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, JAT DIRECTOR GENERAL RADISAVJEVIC ASKED AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING US GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF YUGOSLAVIA'S REQUEST FOR SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT (OR BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT) THAT WOULD ALLOW JAT TO BEGIN SCHEDULED SERVICE IN APRIL 1976.

2. RADISAVJEVIC BASED REQUEST ON JAT'S COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN SCHEDULED SERVICE AND ARGUES FOR FAVORABLE USG RESPONSE ON GROUNDS THAT (A) PANAM ALREADY HAS SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT FROM YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT AND USG SHOULD PROVIDE RECIPROCITY TO JAT, AND (B) JAT HAS DECIDED TO PURCHASE US-MANUFACTURED WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT BUT WILL PURCHASE ONLY IF JAT RECEIVES AUTHORITY TO FLY SCHEDULED SERVICE TO THE U.S. AND (C) LINKED RESOLUTION PANAM TICKET SALES DIFFICULTIES TO RECEIPT SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT. WHILE EXPRESSING MAINLY COMMERCIAL INTEREST, JAT REPS ALSO SUGGESTED SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE SERVES GOAL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPROVING BILATERAL POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH US.

3. YUGOSLAV CIVIL AVIATION REPRESENTATIVE SARIC SAID YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT URGES APPROVAL AS NEXT LOGICAL STEP IN DEVELOPMENT CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE ADDED PANAM AND JAT INTEND ASK USG AND YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENTS, RESPECTIVELY, TO APPROVE SPECIAL RATE ON DIRECT US-YUGOSLAV REOUTE (EXCLUDING SIXTH FREEDOM CARRIERS) ON MODEL OF "PREVIOUS PRACTICE BETWEEN US AND GREEK AND US AND ISRAELI AIRLINES".

4. COMMENT: I INDICATED THAT STATE AND CAB HAD THE MATTER UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION PER REFTEL WITHOUT EXPRESSION ANY VIEW AS TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SPECIAL OPERATING AUTHORITY WOULD BE GRANTED. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO WISH TO NEEDLESSLY INTRUDE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS IN WASHINGTON, NOTWITHSTANDING PARA 3 OF REFTEL, SINCE THE MATTER DOES IN FACT BEAR ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, I SHOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED COMPLETELY OF ALL PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ISSUES (AVIATION POLICY, US CARRIER INTERESTS OR OTHER FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS) RAISED BY JATS APPLICATION. I WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME JOHN ROBSON'S CANDID APPRAISAL OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE CAB GRANTING THE SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT. NEEDLESS TO SAY , I WOULD NOT COMMUNICATE THAT TO JAT.
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